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The Honorable Paul A. Crotty
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United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 735
New York, NY 10007

*Council will be contacted by
my Chambers Deputy, Mr. O'Callahan, and
advised of the procedure for calling in*

SO ORDERED FEB 05 2008

Paul A. Crotty
**HON. PAUL A. CROTTY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

**Re: State of New York, et al. v. United States Department of Health and Human
Services, No. 07 CIV 8621**

Dear Judge Crotty:

On behalf of the Plaintiff, State of Washington, I respectfully request leave of Court to participate by telephone to the Pre-Motion Conference scheduled in this case for Thursday, February 7, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. EST in Courtroom 20-C. Bill Williams, lead counsel for the State of Washington, will attend in person and will speak on behalf of the State.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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